

## Briefing Notes

### Torquay Sailing Club Australia Day Regatta

#### Coaster to Point Roadknight and Return

26<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**The Event:** The Coaster will run from Torquay to the Anglesea Yacht Club at Point Roadknight and return to Torquay. Lunch will be provided at Point Roadknight by the Anglesea Club (price not included in registration fee).

**The Coarse:** The race from Torquay will be started from a launch provided by Anglesea under the command of Jack Droomer using a orange mark as the pin. There will be a starboard rounding buoy at Point Danger (Pink Roxy Buoy). At Point Addis there will be a gate marked by two yellow buoys through which all boats must pass. This is to ensure that the fleet does not move too far to seaward and provides a straight run to Point Roadknight. The finish line at Point Roadknight will be marked by a yellow buoy and a boat provided by Anglesea (Ron McDonald's boat). The boat will mark the starboard end of the line (that is the buoy will be on the southern end of the line).

Boats will beach to the south of the launching ramp.

The departure line from Point Roadknight after lunch will be determined by wind and sea conditions and be managed by the Anglesea launch.

**Registration and Boat preparation:** Registration must be done on-line. All participants must sign the Sign On/Off sheet before 1000 hrs. Boats should be rigged and ready to depart on time.

**Breakfast:** Food will be available at Torquay from 0930 hrs. The cost is not included in the registration fee.

**Race Briefing:** This will be at 1000 hrs to ensure a departure by 1100 hrs

**Weather Conditions and Sea Conditions:** The event will be under the control of the Officer-of-the-Day (Chris Hordern). Weather conditions appear favourable with light winds.

**Time of Departure from Torquay:** The start sequence will begin at 1100 hrs. Hobie Dragons, Hobie 14's and similar craft will start 10 minutes before the rest of the fleet. As low tide is at around 1007hrs (based on Lorne tide levels) there should be sufficient room at Point Roadknight to beach the boats. High tide is at 1636 hrs. It is expected that the bulk of the fleet will arrive at around 1230 hrs.

**Race Start:** The race will be started from the Anglesea Rescue Boat using an orange buoy as the pin. The start will be a standard 5 minute start. At 5 minutes before the start, the Division flag will be raised. At 4 minutes the Blue Peter (P) will be raised. With 1 minute to go the Blue Peter ( P) flag will come down and the race will start with the removal of the Division flag.

**Safety Procedures:** All participants should ensure their boat is in good shape for the trip and it is essential that personal flotation devices be worn by all participants.

A motor launch will be near the front of the fleet to Point Roadknight with the red rubber ducky stationed towards the rear of the fleet. A large catamaran with a motor (Chris Davidson's boat) will also take up the tail end of the fleet. Each boat will be equipped with wire cutters and emergency anchors. A red rubber ducky from Anglesea will be stationed at Point Addis.

**It is important to recognise that every boat participating in the event should act as a rescue boat. In the case of capsize or equipment failure any boat in close proximity should be prepared to give assistance and stand- by until the boat is righted or a safety boat arrives.**

All safety boats and Torquay and Anglesea bases will be in contact by VHF radio on Channel 72 or mobile phone.

**Procedure in Case of Mishap:** Boats that capsize will be closely monitored until they are righted. In cases where there is a failure of equipment such as the breakage of rigging the protocol will be ensure human safety above all else. The procedure to be adopted will be as follows: The stricken boat will be stabilised as much as possible by the attendant rescue boat and anchored on the spot. The yacht crew will be taken to shore. The boat will be retrieved at the end of the race. This procedure is designed to free-up the rescue boat rather than consume time towing the damaged vessel to shore. In the case of injury the rescue boat will render first aid and notify either Torquay base or Anglesea base of the situation.

**Withdrawal from the Race:** Should any boat withdraw from the race anywhere along the course the crew must notify the Base at Torquay as soon as possible of their safe withdrawal. This procedure is essential so that the number of boats finishing each leg can be reconciled with the number of boats starting.

**Return to Torquay:** The return leg will again be started by the boat provide by Anglesea . The start will follow the five minute protocol as above. The positions of the rescue boats will be as in the leg from Torquay.

**The Finish at Torquay:** The finish at Torquay will be monitored by Torquay base. The finish line at Torquay will be between a Orange buoy which must be passed on the port side and the southern-most window of the Club facility. Finish times will be recorded from the Club. Skippers will need to sign off when they complete this final leg. It is important that all participants be accounted for at the completion of the event.